# MINUTES

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

143 West Market Street, Suite 500 Indianapolis, IN 46204 September 12, 2003

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Trustees Present**

Jonathan Birge, Chair Richard Doermer, Vice Chair Garland E. Ferrell Connie R. Thurman Robert V. Welch, Jr.

#### Others Present

Craig Hartzer, Executive Director
Bruce Kimery, PERF Deputy Executive Director/Chief Benefits Officer
Leisa Julian, PERF Legal Council
Forest Bowman, Bowman Cosby & Bowman
Jeff Mallamad, Bingham McHale
Robin Babbitt, Bingham McHale
Paul Corning, CSC
Mike Adkins, CSC
Jeff Hinrichs, CSC

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss matters under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B).

### **REGULAR SESSION**

## **Trustees Present**

Jonathan Birge, Chair Richard Doermer, Vice Chair Garland E. Ferrell Connie R. Thurman Robert V. Welch, Jr.

## Others Present

Bonnie Lewis, Barnes & Thornburg Paul Corning, CSC Mike Adkins, CSC Jeff Hinrichs, CSC Douglas Todd, McCready & Keene Stephanie Braming, Mercer Scarlett Ungurean, Mercer Chris Levell, Mercer Margaret Burlingame, Barnes & Thornburg Richard Boggs, Burnley Associates

#### PERF Staff

Craig Hartzer, Executive Director
Bruce Kimery, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Benefits Officer
Leisa Julian, Legal Counsel
Michael Horstman, Chief Financial Officer
Bill Moran, Investment Administrator
Mark Willis, Investment Officer
Tim Legesse, Investment Officer
Caroline Drum Bradley, PERF Internal Auditor
Sandy Gettle, Legal Assistant
Cindy Osborne, Minute Writer

## ITEMS MAILED TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO MEETING

- A. Agenda of September 14, 2003
- B. Minutes:
  - July 11, 2003 Board of Trustees Meeting
  - □ July 11, 2003 Investment Committee Meeting
  - July 11, 2003 Benefits Administration Meeting
- I. <u>RESOLUTION.</u> Mr. Birge, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, presented Resolution 03-07 to Nancy Turner recognizing her for her many years of outstanding service to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund Board of Trustees.

## II. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES.</u>

**MOTION** duly made and carried to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2003 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Proposed by: Richard Doermer Seconded by: Connie Thurman

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

#### III. <u>OLD BUSINESS.</u>

There was no old business discussed.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS.

A. <u>Administrative Rule.</u> Ms. Julian brought forth for final action, approval of a rule for procedures on pre-tax voluntary contribution. The rule was preliminarily approved by the Board on May 9. A required public hearing took place on August 27 and no additional comments were received at that hearing.

**MOTION** duly made and carried to approve the Administrative Rule.

Proposed by: Richard Doermer Seconded by: Garland Ferrell

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- B. Record Keeping Recommendation. Mr. Hartzer provided an overview of the Record Keeping service. Mr. Hartzer asked for Board approval giving him authority to negotiate the final contract with Great West.
  - Mr. Ferrell asked why Great West was top choice. Mr. Hartzer noted Great West was most capable. Mr. Moran noted that Great West was also able to reduce their price.

**MOTION** duly made and carried to approve Mr. Hartzer as having authority to negotiate the Great West contract.

Proposed by: Nancy Turner Seconded by: Richard Doermer

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

C. <u>IT Corporation Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws.</u> Mr. Hartzer asked Board to approve IT Articles, Bylaws and Formation Agreement allowing PERF to move forward in discussions with TRF.

**MOTION** duly made and carried to approve IT Articles, Bylaws and Formation Agreement.

Proposed by: Garland Ferrell Seconded by: Richard Doermer

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

C. <u>Building Renovation.</u> Mr. Hartzer discussed PERF's plan to renovate the 143 West Market Street building and to co-locate staff from 125 West Market Street building to the 143 West Market Street building allowing all PERF staff to be in same location.

- Mr. Hartzer noted that the initial budget for project was \$600,000. An estimate of \$150,000 per floor.
- Current proposals to complete project total approximately \$1.9 million. Mr. Hartzer outlined the following reasons why this project is higher than initial budget proposal:
  - Current proposal includes adding one and one half additional floors to project.
  - All PERF restrooms will be made ADA compliant. Original proposal included making only two restrooms ADA compliant.
  - Fire alarm system will be upgraded and a sprinkler system will be added, which doesn't currently exist in the 143 West Market Street building.
  - Per the recommendation of CSC, enhanced security measures need to be installed to make the 143 West Market Street building a safer place for PERF colleagues to work.
- ➤ Mr. Hartzer outlined the following as possible funding resources:
  - Harrison Building Investment Account.
  - Building Operations Account.
  - Received appraisal of 125 West Market Street facility at \$1.52 million and sale of that building could be a possible funding source.
    - Mr. Hartzer noted to Board that PERF is not at the point to solicit bids for the 125 West Market Street facility, but that planning sessions will be scheduled to decide what should be done with the building. A proposal will be presented to the Board for review and consideration at that time.
- Mr. Hartzer recommended that the Board allow him to negotiate with the top two construction firms to move this project forward.
- Mr. Doermer inquired about additional floors to be renovated.

Mr. Kimery and Mr. Hartzer explained that the basement needed to be included to accommodate all PERF colleagues and the vendors we house onsite.

**MOTION** duly made and carried to approve additional funding needed for renovation and to approve authority for Mr. Hartzer to negotiate with the top two construction firms.

Proposed by: Garland Ferrell Seconded by: Connie Thurman

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- D. <u>Dates for 2004 Board Meetings.</u> Mr. Hartzer brought before the Board a proposal to change the 2004 board meetings from the second Friday of the month to the third Friday of the month.
  - Mr. Hartzer noted that doing this would allow PERF to present more up-to-date and accurate financial and investment data.
  - Mr. Birge inquired if we should finish out the year on the second Friday of the month schedule or adopt the new schedule now.
    - This was discussed and it was concluded that the Board would consider the 2004 schedule at this time and the 2003 schedule would be approached on a month-to-month basis.

**MOTION** duly made and carried to adopt proposed 2004 meeting schedule.

Proposed by: Garland Ferrell Seconded by: Richard Doermer

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

#### E. Committee Reports/Recommendations.

- 1. <u>Audit and Budget Committee Report.</u> The Audit and Budget Committee had met that morning and had made the following recommendations for the Board's approval:
  - It was recommended before the Board that there be language changes in the Audit and Budget Charter and also the Internal Audit Charter.

**MOTION** duly made and carried to adopt the proposed language changes to the Audit and Budget and Internal Audit Charters.

Proposed by: Garland Ferrell Seconded by: Connie Thurman

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

2. <u>Investment Committee Report.</u> The Investment Committee had met that morning and recommended the selection of the Bailey Gifford firm for management of PERF's international growth fund of \$200 million.

**MOTION** duly made and carried to approve the Bailey Gifford firm.

Proposed by: Richard Doermer Seconded by: Garland Ferrell

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

## V. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

- Mr. Hartzer inquired if there was an update on Operations/Benefits. Mr. Kimery noted that we are still in the 60-70 day range for checks.
- Mr. Hartzer noted Mercer's good work. He also thanked Ms. Gerrick and her staff for all their good work and their team effort.
- > Mr. Hartzer noted that we still face operational challenges and thanked the PERF staff for pitching in when problems occur.
- VI. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</u> Unless the Board decides on a different meeting day, the next meeting will be held on October 10, 2003.

## VII. <u>ADJOURNMENT.</u>

**MOTION** duly made and carried to adjourn.

Proposed by: Richard Doermer Seconded by: Garland Ferrell

Votes: Four in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.